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Confirmation No.: 8531 Application No.: 10/518,436 Applicant: Yawata, et al. **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116** Filed: December 16, 2004 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE 3734 TC/A.U.: **EXAMINING GROUP 3734** Andersen, Michael T. Examiner: Docket No.: 2553-USP-PCT-US Customer No.: 21378

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed January 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.